

BEFORE  
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF  
SOUTH CAROLINA  
DOCKET NO. 2005-22-T - ORDER NO. 2005-317  
JUNE 17, 2005

IN RE: Staff Request for Investigation by the Office	)	ORDER
of Regulatory Staff of K & K Investments,	)	GRANTING
Inc. DBA Apartment Movers, Etc. and	)	HEARING
America's Best Moving System, 403-G	)	
Miller Road, Greenville, SC 29662 (Mailing	)	
Address: P. O. Box 1065, Mauldin, SC	)	
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This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) on the Petition of the Office of Regulatory Staff (ORS) for a hearing in the matter of K&K Investments, Inc. d/b/a Apartment Movers, Etc. and America's Best Moving System (K&K or the Company). The Petition states that K&K is currently operating as a motor vehicle carrier and is subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission. The Petition recounts that on February 24, 2005, the Commission issued Order No. 2005-52 requesting ORS to perform an investigation of K&K into its franchising practices, the dealings of K&K with potential franchisees, and the relationship of those practices to K&K's operating authority and service and related matters. The Order also required ORS to perform certain other functions related to the Company, including an audit, and to give the Commission a status report on the results of its investigation.

ORS states that it has completed its investigation and audit. According to ORS, the audit reveals that bills of lading from January 2005 through April 2005 reflect

incorrect rates charged by K&K; that K&K added an insurance/regulatory assessment surcharge to each bill of lading without approval of the Commission; and that such surcharge has not been approved as part of the Company's tariff. Further, ORS states that it conducted compliance audits of several other movers affiliated with K&K, and found that these movers had signed franchise agreements with K&K, but had conducted the movement of household goods for compensation prior to receiving Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity from the Commission, and that there were certain other violations of Commission rules and regulations.

As a result of its investigation, ORS states its belief that a formal administrative hearing is the best forum to present the discovered results, and allow all parties to participate, as well as allow the Commission to take appropriate action.

After having reviewed the ORS Petition, we agree with ORS that a formal administrative hearing is appropriate in this case to hear all the evidence, and to give the parties a chance to participate. We grant the Petition. The Commission Staff shall schedule the hearing at such time as may be available on the Commission's hearing calendar.

This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

/s/  
Randy Mitchell, Chairman

ATTEST:

/s/  
G. O'Neal Hamilton, Vice-Chairman

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